



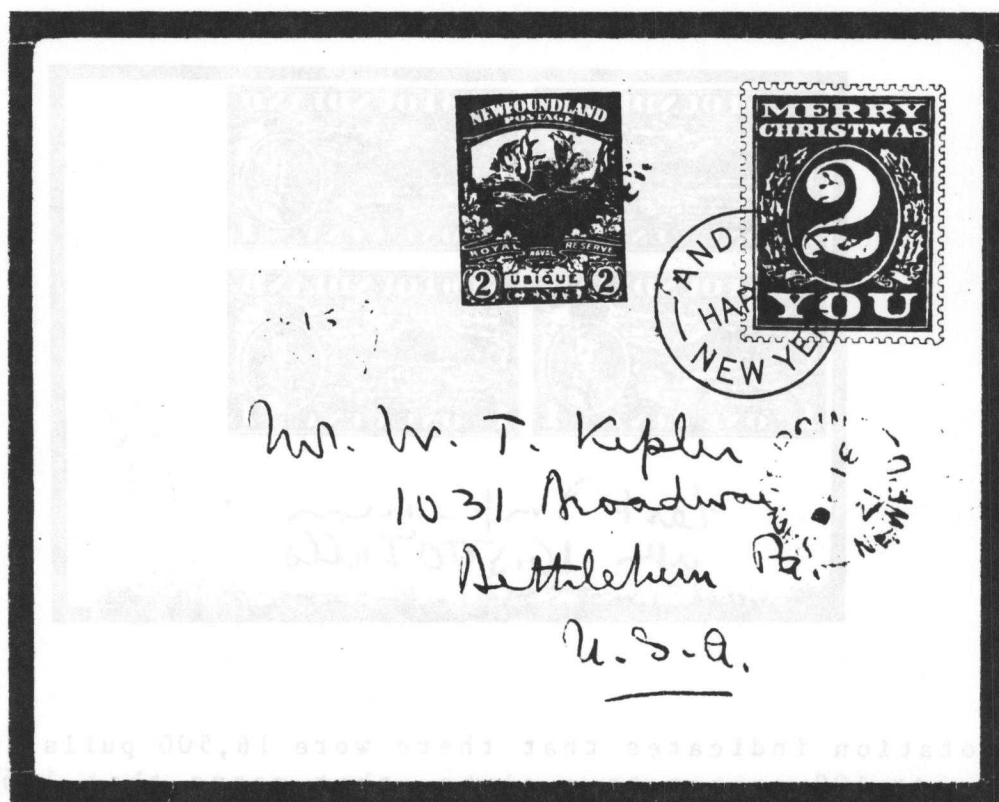
# THE NEWFIE NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM REV. E.A. BUTLER



Special post card with imprinted MERRY CHRISTMAS 2 YOU simulated stamp in carmine and AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR cancellation in black used in December 1921. There is nothing on the message side but Rev. Butler's name and return address.

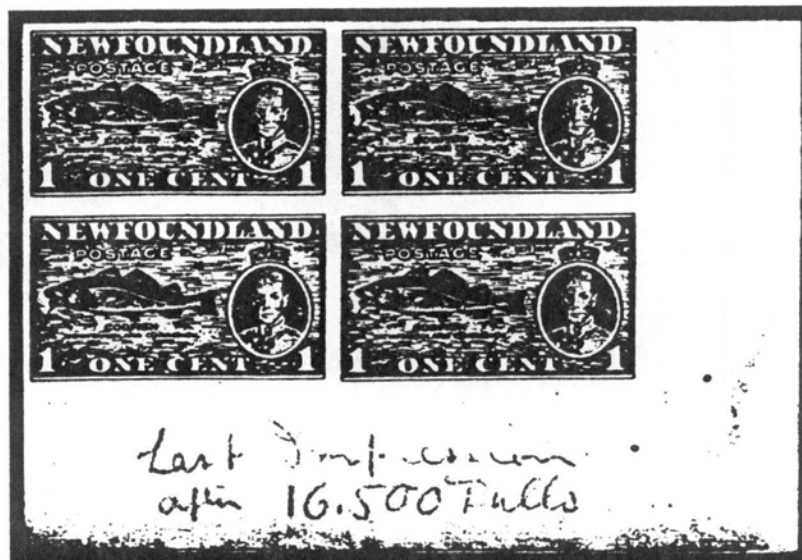
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

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1937 CORONATIONS: QUANTITIES PRINTED

Other than the three denominations printed by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. for the Crown Agents, the actual quantities of the special stamps printed for the Coronation of King George VI are unknown. So, when lot 3577 of Christie's Robson Lowe London sale of 19 September 1991 included a photocopy of the lower right corner giving printing details, an inquiry brought forth the following photocopy.



The notation indicates that there were 16,500 pulls from the 1c plate. At 100 stamps to a plate, that means that 1,650,000 1c codfish stamps were printed. This compares very favorably with the numbers printed for the 2c, 4c, and 5c. According to the Requisition Books at the Crown Agents the following quantities were printed:

2c	green	1,850,000
4c	carmine-rose	2,270,000
5c	deep purple	1,520,000

Unfortunately similar records for the additional values are not available. The printing records of W. W. Sprague & Co.'s Perkins Bacon Division were undoubtedly lost when their plant was destroyed in May 1941 by a Nazi air attack on London. So, when data like this on the 1c codfish plate proof shows up it is most welcome.

#### COMING EVENTS

BNAPEX'92, 10-12 September, St. Charles, Illinois, The Pheasant Run Resort, Annual convention and exhibition of the British North America Philatelic Society and annual meeting of the Newfoundland Study Group. St. Charles is a suburb of Chicago with transportation from O'Hare Airport. For additional information contact Bob Schlesinger, 523 Highland Grove Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089-1762, U.S.A.

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#### INFOFINDER

There still are a number of copies available of Bob Pratt's INFOFINDER, the index to his book THE NINETEENTH CENTURY POSTAL HISTORY OF NEWFOUNDLAND. If you do not have one, you can get one by sending your check to me, C. A. Stillions, 5031 Eskridge Terrace, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20016. The price is \$5.00US to study group members or \$7.00 to nonmembers. Remember, Bob is donating all profits from the sale of the INFOFINDER to the study group.

#### WANTED

Articles for the Newsletter. If you have any items you want to showoff, questions about something you don't understand, an idea you want to test, or opinions you would like to express, this is the place. So send a photocopy of your favorite item, your question, or your essay to me and I'll use it in the newsletter.

While conclusive data it is not, it is possible to estimate the quantities printed from the following newspaper article that appeared in THE EVENING TELEGRAM, a St. John's newspaper, on Thursday, 10 June 1937.

"\$325,000 Realized on Coronation Stamps

Nfld. Expects Total Sales to Reach \$500,000 by Dec. 31

The Telegram has been given by the Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. G. O. Frazer, the following information with reference to the sale of Newfoundland's Coronation Stamps. The total sales realized to date amount to about \$325,000 as follows:

By the Trade Commissioner in London: Eleven denominations of Newfoundland's special issue.....	\$200,000
By the Crown Agents: Three denominations, 3, 4, and 5 cents, the design of which is common to the Colonial Empire....	\$25,000
By the General Post Office, St. John's: miscellaneous foreign orders.....	\$40,000
By the General Post Office, St. John's: Sales in the city .....	\$35,000
By the Outport Post Offices.....	\$15,000
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	\$325,000

The figures of sales in St. John's and the Outports, as far as can be estimated are for non-postal purposes. That is they are in excess of those which would normally be made for the ordinary business of the Post Office.

The Stamps will be withdrawn after the 31st December next. By that time it is anticipated that the total sales for non-postal purposes, both here and in England, will be in the region of half a million dollars."

With this information an estimate can be made of the least quantity made for any denomination. The total value of the eleven special stamps was \$1.75. \$500,000 divided by \$1.75 gives 285,000 sets. Add to this another 50,000 or 100,000 for the postal purposes of the higher values of the issue and the most likely printing quantity is less than 400,000. This is a far cry from the 1,650,000 printed for the 1¢ codfish or the 2,250,000 of the 4¢ common colonial design, but not an unrealistic quantity for the high values in this special issue.

## SECOND DUES NOTICE

Due to the condition of the treasury and projected expenses, it was voted to increase the dues to \$4.00 in U.S.A. funds, \$5.00 in Canadian funds, or £3.00 in British funds. Remittance should be by check made out to C. A. Stillions in order to save on bank charges. You can determine if you owe dues by checking your address label. Is the number to the right of your name is less than 92, you dues are due. If 92 or greater, no dues are due. If dues payment is not received by the time the next newsletter is mailed in early February, it will be concluded that your interest in the Newfoundland study group has wained and you will be dropped from the roll.

Many of you who have sent in your dues have also enclosed short letters of appreciation which I really do appreciate. There have been so many that I am unable to personally reply to each. Believe me those kind words are most appreciated.

## SPECIAL OFFER

Robert Pratt has donated two autographed copies of his book THE ESSAYS AND PROOFS OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. They are available to the first two members who send me \$60.00. The going rate at auction for this book is in the \$75.00 plus range. This is the most definitive listing of the proofs of Newfoundland and even though much new material has come out since it was published in 1970, it is likely to remain the best listing for sometime to come as there are no known plans to update it. So, these will go to the first two members that send me a check for \$60.00 in USA funds. Send to C. A. Stillions, 5031 Eskridge Terrace N.W., Washington, DC 20016-3444. Remember 100% of the proceeds go to the study group. Many thanks to Bob.

## NEW MEMBERS

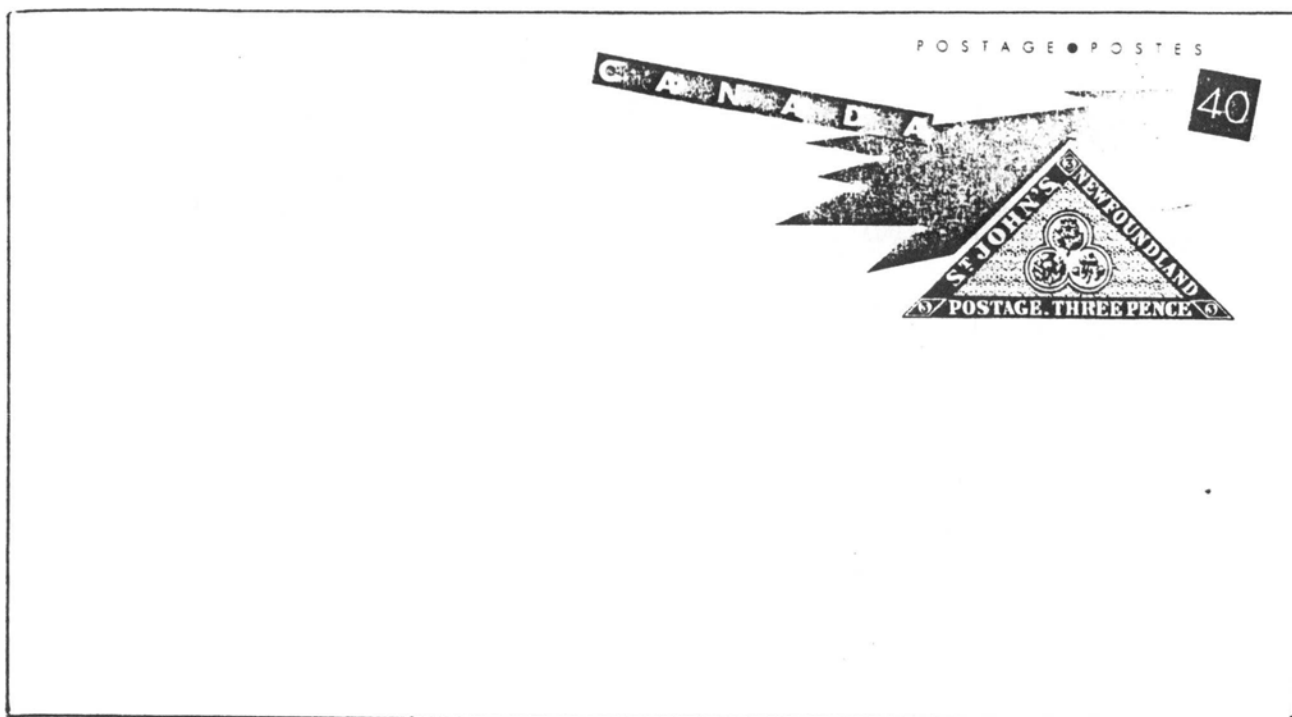
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This 1857 Newfoundland stamp, one of the first triangular stamps issued in the world, features three of the heraldic flowers of the British Isles. The distinctive shape and colour made it easy for post office workers to identify domestic mail. The colony issued its own stamps until it joined Canada in 1949.

Ce timbre, un des premiers de forme triangulaire au monde et émis en 1857 par Terre-Neuve, présente trois des fleurs héraldiques des îles Britanniques. Grâce à sa forme et à ses couleurs distinctes, les employés des Postes pouvaient facilement reconnaître le courrier du régime intérieur. La colonie a produit ses propres timbres-poste jusqu'à ce qu'elle s'unisse au Canada en 1949.

The recent issue (second series) from Canada Post Corporation in honor of CANADA'92 features Newfoundland's threepenny triangle stamp of 1857 - 1861. Dean Mario reports the No. 8 stationery envelope was issued in a rather small quantity, only 75,000, and members would do well to obtain a few if only, for the sole reason, of promoting their area of interest and sending to others.